December 20 ■ Lesson 3

The Advent Season

QUESTIONS FOR LESSONS 3: "One Miraculous Birth in the Presentation of the Messiah"

The seed promise is traced from the beginning to the ending of the Old Testament. Matthew's genealogy reveals the covenant promises from Abraham (fourteen generations) to David (fourteen generations) to the Babylonian captivity (fourteen generations) to Jesus. This is God's perfect way of presenting the promised seed / Messiah / Jesus Christ.

Memory Work: Matthew 1:23 (review)

Read Matthew 1:18-25. Answer the following questions from this narrative account of the birth of Jesus.

1. Why does Matthew's gospel begin with a genealogy?

2. What is it about the miraculous birth of Mary's child that points to the promise of God?

3.In what ways are the grace and the power of God seen the birth of Jesus?

- 4. What truths would the child of Mary fulfill?
- 5. How does God's faithfulness in presenting the promised Messiah relate to the way God fulfills His promises for you?